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Dear Sir:

I.

Further to the IDS at filing submitting documents for the ISR for this application, the Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys and in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and MPEP 609, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the three additional Japanese language references and their translations as noted on the attached Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed. This submission is timely in that it is made prior to a first action on the merits of this application.

This will also certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, these three documents were cited in an Action dated July 4, 2006 in connection with the Applicant's corresponding Japanese application. Their relevance can be determined from the English language translation of each of the documents and from their respective Abstracts. Each was said to be relevant to pending claims 1 to 20 in the corresponding Japanese Action for which a translation is not readily available.

Please take these additional documents into account in the initial examination of this application, together with the ISR and the references there cited, and the Background of the Invention at pages 1 to 13 referring to Figs. 19 to 21, and make their consideration of record.

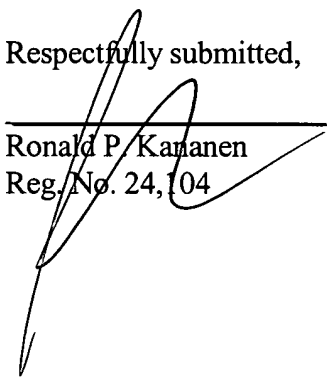
II.

Copies of the two Japanese unexamined publications cited at page 11 of the specification as filed are also provided and identified on a second PTO-1449 sheet, with their respective abstracts. Their relevance can be seen by referring to the Background of the Invention in the specification as filed, at pages 1 to 13.

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